pilots of the big ocean liners hesitate about going to sea. The steamship St. Louis, of the American: the Noordland, of the Red Star, and the Majestic, of the White Star lines, were scheduled to leave port in the morning. They left their piers en time, but when they reached the Lower Bay and their officers saw how thick the snow made it outside they decided to anchor. When it cleared in the afternoon they got away. Several incoming steamers at this port are anywhere from one to six days overdue. They are doubtless delayed by the continuous westerly to northerly gales that have prevailed on the Atlantic for the last week. Only four vessels made harbor in the course of the day, and although they had experienced heavy weather all along the Western Atlantic none of them were damaged.

The Sound steamers were all delayed, the stack Pilgrim, of the Fall River Line, arriving at her pier four hours late. All the other steamers that ply between New-York and ports along the Sound were preportly and the ports along

at her pier tool here is that ply between New-York and ports along the Sound were proportionately late, but none suffered any damage.

Nothing had been seen up to last night of the Grace K. Green, the three-masted schooner that was abandoned off Long Branch on Tuesday, captain Frisbee, her commander, who came to town with his crew on the Yorktown, is down the coast on a Chapman Wrecking Company's tug looking for her.

The running of the Staten Island and other ferryboats of the harbor was irregular all day, the pilots had to proceed on their morning trips so cautiously that the entire day's schedule was upset.

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In that part of the city north of the Harlem River the storm caused much delay and inconvenience in travel. Bicycle riding was suspended indefinitely. In consequence of the heavy fail the trolley-cars on three lines in Morrisania were blocked for three hours in the morning. The Port Morris, West One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth-st, and West Farms lines ran no cars from 5 to 8 a. m. From then until 10 o'clock only half a dozen cars were run, and those were crowded to their utmost capacity. Transfers to the West One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth-st, were refused, and the passengers going west were compelled to ride to Harlem and pay an extra fare on the west-bound cable-cars, white those going to Port Morris had to walk. The block was relieved by the use of snow-ploughs by 10 a m., and all traffic was resumed. Persons living in West Farms who wished to go downtown by the elevated road were able to ride by trolley to One-hundred-and-seventy-seventh-st. and Third-ave, the northern terminus of the Suburban Elevated road.

ANIMALS IN THE PARK.

The animals in Central Park did not appear to mind the storm in the least. The deer left their comfortable houses and chased one another in playful fashion through the drifts. The new baby hippo is growing at a great rate, and although only born a couple of weeks ago is now about half as big as Fatima's offspring, which is nearly a year old. The baby has not yet been christened by the Park Board, although. yet been christened by the Park Board, although, to judge from the number of names which have been suggested to the Board's members, many people are deeply interested in the ceremony. One of the best suggestions was made by a Tribune reader, who thinks the young hippo should be named Mississippi. It could be called Miss until it made its society debut, and Mrs. after it had become ensnared in the wiles of

The snow gave horsemen their first oppor-nity of the winter to go sleigh-riding. The achmen and stable attendants were kept busy coachmen and stable attendants were kept busy in the morning getting the sleighs out of lofts and other places, and in the afternoon many venturesome but gay parties were to be seen in the avenues and in the Park. The going was heavy in the fore part of the day, but in the afternoon the snow had been beaten down and the sleighing was good. The snow-ploughs were kept busy in the Park, and the huge drifts caused by the high winds were smoothed down in excellent shape. The trysting place of the sleigh-riders in the Park was the Casino, and at nightfall there were many sleighs under the sheds while their owners were enjoying the

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Toward evening, when the force of the storm had somewhat abated, there were many large sleighs filled with children to be seen in the boulevard and avenues. An extra force of men was at work in the Park removing the snow, making travel more easy.

Owing to the confusion which reigned among the early hours of yesterday morning there was one car which was permitted to go out from the barn carrying conflicting signs. On the front of the car the sign read "Broadway." The sides carried the blue signs of Columbus-ave. The only thing needed to have made it a veritable Chinese puzzle was a Lexington-ave, sign. However, as it was, there was plenty of kicking among the numerous passengers who paid their fares and jumped aboard to ride to Harlem. It was very hard after glancing at the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the carry was the store of the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign on the side of a can and sealer that the sign of the s their fares and jumped aboard to ride to Har-lem. It was very hard after glancing at the sign on the side of a car, and seeing that it lead Columbus-ave., to be forced when arriving at the barns to change, jumping out into the snowbanks, and then when an uptown car ar-rived find that standing room was at a premium. The car made one or two trips before the mis-take was rectified.

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Weather like that of yesterday brings out the numerous patent devices which are put upon the market for the benefit of those unfortunate human beings who are forced to work for their daily market for the benefit of those unfortunate human beings who are forced to work for their daily bread all day or night, as the case may be, in the teeth of the storm. A Tribune reporter, who stood waiting at Broadway and West Fifty-minth-st., received the offer from the transfer agent of the use of his pocket stove to warm his fingers. This little affair was about the size of a large-sized ginger snap, made of nickel and containing a carbon, which burned slowly for about an hour, giving a steady heat. The carbons for the stove cost 15 cents a dozen. The agent said he would not know what to do without one, and indeed the reporter found it great comfort during the fifteen minutes that he was waiting for a crosstown car.

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Few accidents were caused by the storm in the city. Alexander Frankenheim, a Hoboken printer, fell on the sidewalk in front of No. 368 Washington-st., and broke his right leg. He was removed to the hospital in Hudson-st. Michael Pomsuit, a fruit pedler from Asbury Park, slipped on the crosswalk at Chambers and Washington sts., and sprained his leg. Christopher Schletterbach, a salesman of Brooking, had to be taken to the hospital because he suffered from palpitation of the heart, after wading through a snowdrift at Church and Duane sts. Frederick Porter, a youth, of No. 9 West Thirty-second-st, sprained his leg by a fall on the sidewalk in Church-st, but he refused to go to the hospital. Thomas Brennan, a driver in the employ of the Street Cleaning Department, was so much stupefied with the cold at Jefferson and Boston aves, that it was recessary to take him off his cart and send him to the Fordham Hospital. Henry Belmont, sixty-three years old, of Mount Vernon, was found unconscious from the effects of the cold at Oak and Pearl sts. He was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital and there revived. Michael Pomsuit, a fruit pedier from Asbury

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heat port at her usual sailing hour yesterday after-leon for Baltimore, there have been no sailings of beal steamers. The steamers Tallahassee, for Sa-tannah; Penobscot, for Bangor, and Portland, for Portland, which were scheduled to leave last even-lag, remain here. The steamer Bay State did not wantire out from Portland. The Leviand liner anture out from Portlano. The Leyland liner

Of the large fleet of European steamers now some Overdue at this port only one, the St. Rodans London, has been sighted.

here were no accidents of any kind reported in harbor, the fleet of barges and schooners anoveral fishing vessels came into port this morning and report terrible weather outside.

antasket Beach, Mass., Dec. 16.—The three-ted schooner Ulrica, Captain James Patterson, B Hillsboro, N. B., for Hoboken, N. J., with arr. came ashore about 9:30 a. m., on Nantasket hasses Ventral Research hear Kenbrena, and is a total loss. The Me saving crew, under command of Captain a James, rescued the captain, first mate and five men after struggling heroically for DOMMERV "SEC"

A PERFECT WINE.

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has not yet been learned, was swept overboard some time during the night by heavy seas and

ALONG THE MASSACHUSETTS COAST.

Plymouth, Dec. 16.-The worst storm seen about these parts for many years has been raging all night, and now shows no signs of abating. Snow is falling fast and the wind is blowing a gaic from the northeast. The harbor is one seething mass of foam and the tide is very high, washing up over the wharves. All along the streets are limbs of shade trees, and chimneys have been blown off in many parts of the town. The top of the piazza of the Samoset House was blown off. Along Waterst, the telegraph and telephone poles are down and the service is crippled. Many schooners laid up for the winter have been more or less damaged, and some of the smaller cottages and the breakwater have suffered severely

Gloucester, Dec. 16.- The northeast gale that began yesterday increased to-day to great violence. It was accompanied by blinding snow and sleet, and the weather is very cold. A large fleet of shipping and coast vessels is sheltered in the outer harbor. No disasters are reported here or in the vicinity of

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Fall River, Dec. 16.—The storm has almost completely blocked travel on the suburban electric lines, and only an occasional car on the local roads is able to make any headway.

The Fall River Line steamers were impeded considerably by the storm. The passenger boat came through to this city, but the whereabouts of the freight boat is unknown. It is still snowing, and teaming and other traffic on the streets has ceased. Portland, Me., Dec. 16.—The storm is blowing itself out. The wind continues high, but shows signs of abating, and it is not snowing. No disasters are reported.

Hallfax, N. S., Dec. 16.—Snow fell lightly here this morning, increasing at noon to a severe easterly gale. A number of coasting vessels put into port this morning for shelter. Storm signals are displayed all along the coast.

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New-Haven, Dec. 16.—Six inches of snow which fell since 10 o'clock last night have been drifted by a fifty-mile wind, delaying street-car travel all through the State. All the harbors on the nd are filled with coasting vessels awaiting ner weather. No damage has been reported

Sound are filled with coasting vessels awaiting calmer weather. No damage has been reported and railroad trains are running on time. Hartford, Dec. 16.—The northeast snowstorm blew in about midnight and about three inches of snow had fallen up to I o'clock, when the weather medicated. The thermometer was 20 degrees above at 6 o'clock this morning. No boats ran between this city and New-York last hight. The down boat tied up at Saybrook, and the boat from New-York lay-to at the mouth of the Sound.

Waterbury, Dec. 16.—Snow began to fall here at midnight and by noon from six to cight inches had fallen, badly drifted by the fifty-mile gale which had been blowing for the last ten hours. Travel in the streets has been delayed. The storm had abated somewhat at noon.

Bridgeport, Dec. 16.—The local hather is filled with vessels which were last night obliged to seek shelter from the storm. The Sound is so rough to-day that none of them ventured out. The storm began at 10 o'clock last night with sieet, which soon turned into snow. The latter has been falling since, and has reached a depth of 6 inches.

Newport, R. L. Dec. 16.—The trug Ice King, from New-York, arrived here this afternoon minus her tow of two barges, the Chalmette and the Charter Oak, which belongs in New-Bedford.

Providence, Dec. 16.—The freight steamer Pequet, of the Providence Line, is probably riding out the gale in Long Island Sound, as she has not yet been reported here. The weather is thick, the gale heavy and increasing, and the sea very rough, and the storm much the worst of the season. Off Saunderstewn a large ship anchored near Beavertail Light yesterday, and is riding out the gale.

The harmeter is falling steadily and the thermometer is also going down. The wind velocity in this city has reached twenty-seven miles an hour. The storm began here at 4 o'clock this morning, and up to noon over 3 inches of snow had fallen.

The telephone and trolley service is affected but little, and only the two telegraph lines to Newport been reported.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

James Cully, head trackman on the Ninth-ave elevated railroad, was killed early yesterday morning in a most shocking manner on the structure be-Forty-first and Forty-second sts. Pieces of his body were found strewn along the track for nearly a block. It is not known what train killed him. The accident probably occurred about ? o'clock. Cully's face was cut off from his head and fell through to the street. There it lay right side up in the snow. A fireman who passed by saw the features and supposed they belonged to by the snow. He stooped down and touched the face and then made the ghastly discovery. He wrapped the face in a newspaper and took it to the West Thirty-seventh-st, rollee station. There the drunken man who had is West Thirty-seventh-st. police station. There the rest of the body, which had been picked up on the track, had been taken, and the whole was later carried to the Morgue. The accident was discovered by another trackwalker who had started out with Cully early in the morning. They were probably only a few feet apart when Cully was killed, but the snow was falling so thickly that one could not see his hand before him. Cully was thirty-nine years old and lived at No. 12: West Twenty-sixthet, with his mother and three sisters.

The trial of Charles H. Knoche, of No. 1,622 Sec. ond-ave., on a charge of passing worthless checks was continued yesterday before Recorder Goff, in Part I, General Sessions, Knoche is sixty-one years old. The specific complaint is that he passed a worthless check for \$78 on Henry Meyer, of No. 6 A worthless check for as on Henry Aleyer, of No. Coenties Slip. The check was made payable to Behrens & Co., Stone-st., one of the firms manipulated by the McLaughlin-Valentine gang of alleged swindlers and forgers. The check itseleoked much like some of the worthless ones floated by the Valentine gang. The case will go on to day.

The Grand Jury yesterday indicted for grand larceny and forgery in the third degree Daniel Whalen, the cashier of the old Excise Board, Whalen was arrested several months ago and admitted to ball. He is charged with appropriating the funds of the Excise Board while cashler. He has re-turned about \$5.00. The total amount said to have been taken was \$6,000.

Henry T. Basford, an old man, who conducts two boarding-houses in Brooklyn, and Edward Tomp-kins, a former detective, were yesterday convicted in the criminal branch of the United States Court of circulating counterfeit coins.

Charged with having cleverly swindled many pawnbrokers in this city, Brooklyn and other cities, two prisoners were arreigned yesterday afternoon before Magistrate Flammer, in the Centre Street Police Court, and remanded for a further examination to-day. The prisoners were George Wilson, twenty-nine years old, who gave his address as Philadelphia, and John Palmer, twenty-six years old, who said he was a jeweller, and lived at No. 250 East Tenth-st. They were arrested on Tuesday evening by Detectives Reap, Holland, Berkeley and Arfhen, who had been looking for them for some time. R. Simpson, a pawnbroker at No. 175 Bowery, has recently been swindled out of considerable money. It is alleged that the men have been operating in this city and Brooklyn for several months, but it was not until a fortnight ago that the swindling scheme was discovered. Simpson had noticed that a number of watches, which appeared to be the same, were being piedged at his shop. They seemed to be of excellent make and shop. They seemed to be of excellent make and shop. They seemed to be of excellent make and swere stamped 14-carat gold. The men piedging them had no trouble in securing loans. Thomas them had no trouble in securing loans. Thomas them had no trouble in securing loans. Thomas work weeks ago that a man had been bragging about we weeks ago that a man had been bragging about having swindled several pawnbrokers in the city with imitation gold watches. An examination of the watches in Simpson's establishment showed that those piedged there as gold were plated affairs of little value. The police were then informed, and on Tuesday night arrested Palmer and Wilson. It was then learned that the men were wanted in other cities for the same offence. ery, has recently been swindled out of considerable

A woman describing herself as Laura Hardman, twe y years old, and giving her address as Hobo-ken, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Ken, was arranged in the charge of shoplifting. She Court yesterday on the charge of shoplifting. She was arrested in Hearn's drygoods store, in Fourwas arrested in Hearn's drygoods store, in Four-teenth-st., Tuesday evening. The police endeavored to keep secret the prisoner's identity, but it was later learned through her brother. John Hazieton, one of the team of polo players at Hammerstein's Olympia, that she was Lillian Hasieton. Her father, Clarence that she was killed last summer by being knocked Hazieton, was killed last summer by being knocked from his bicycle at Broadway and Sixty-fifth-st. The girl confessed her guilt and was held in \$500 bail for a further hearing to-morrow.

A man supposed to be John Hall was instantly killed about 6 o'clock last evening in the basement of No. 26 Third-ave., by receiving a shock from an electric-light wire. The building is occupied by Dahnke Bros., saloonkeepers. Soon after 5 o'clock last evening, when the electric current was turned on over the wires which run into the saloon from the plant of the Madison Equare Light Company, 'a

nearly two hours. The second mate, whose name I blue flame issued from the wire, setting the woodwork in the doorway of the saloon on fire. The company was informed and sent two men to the place to repair the wires. When the workmen arrived they went into the cellar, where the wires run under the pavement, not noticing that a stranger who had been in the crowd that gathered about the door was following them. Before the workmen reached the wires the man passed them, grasped the wires with both hands, uttered a loud cry and fell dead mon the cellar floor. In his pockets were found letters postmarked Brooklyn, addressed to John Hall. No. 423 East Twelfth-st. New-York. A card was also found bearing the firm name of Ward & Scott, No. 423 East Twelfth-st. Mr. Scott told a reporter that he knew the man as John Ball. The dead man was an electrician. work in the doorway of the saloon on fire. The com-

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR. RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY WITH CUBA ADOPTED

Cincinnati, Dec. 16 .- At this morning's session of the American Federation of Labor Convention a grievance preferred by the coopers against the agreement between the two organizations was prebe requested to live up to the agreement on penalty of being reorganized. Secretary Bechtol said that the coopers ought also to be warned, as on the places of brewers. The differences between the two of the New-York State Federation, and Delegate Fitzgerald, from that branch, demanded an im diate settlement of the trouble by the National Federation. The discussion was broken off at 10:30 the introduction of Edward A. Clark, of the railway conductors, a representative of the five great railroad brotherhoods. Mr. Clark read a paper on arbitration, written with special refer ence to National legislation looking to the settlement of railroad strikes by a commission of arbimended for the indorsement of the convention a bill providing for the enforced arbitration of differences between railway companies and their employes, which Congress will be asked to enact into law. The matter was referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the president of

The following resolution in regard to the situation in Cuba was presented by the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, with a recommendation of

in convention assembled, tenders its heartfelt sympathy to all new struggling against oppression, and especially to the men of Cuha who for ages have sacrificed and suffered to secure the right of self-

government.

Resolved, That the example of the people of France in giving recognition and aid to our fathers in their struggle to secure the independence of the colonies is worthy of imitation, and we hereby call upon the President and Congress to recognize the belligerent rights of the Cuban revolution.

New-York, declared him-Delegate Weissmann, of New-York, declared him-

it, he had since reached the conclusion that it would take any action on the Cuban war, because it was a

President Samuel Gompers spoke in a fervid manner, urging the adoption of the resolution and fre quently eliciting hearty applause by his eloquence. He held that it was eminently appropriate that the sentiments of the organized tollers of this nation sentiments of the organized tollers of this nation should be expressed through this convention and said he knew that that sentiment was in favor of extending to struggling Cuba a helping hand in its hour of trial. The resolution was finally adopted by a vote of 60 10 2.

A resolution to petition the Pardon Board of Pennsylvania for commutation of the sentence of Alexander Bergman, who shot Mr Frick, of the Carnegle Iron Works, in the strike at Homestead, Penn. was introduced by Delegate Weissmann, and was unanimously adopted.

TALE BEATEN AT ICE HOCKEY.

A game of hockey was played last evening at the Clermont Avenue Ice Rink, Brooklyn, between teams representing Yale University and the Montclair Athletic Club, of Montclair, N. J. The result was an overwhelming defeat of the Yale team, the score being 6 to 1 in favor of Montclair. The game was started at 8:30, and was played in twenty-minute halves. The teams lined up as follows:

Yale. H. V. Ryder, '97	Position,	Montciair A. C.
H. V. Ryder, '97 3. P. Sheldon, '97	Cover	M. Hernfeck
A. Hall, '97	Dight centre	G. Hornfeck
F. Barnes, '97	Tracket borne	E. Emerson
Herbert Sutton, Wi	ARMI	
Both in skating	and in strates	y the Montclairs

were superior to the Vale men, who were seemingly outclassed in the entire first half, Montclair landing the rubber in Yale's goal three times in succession, the half ending without a score for

Yale.
The second half was more lively. Both teams made some clever plays, Yale scoring a goal, against three by Montclair. A. E. Reynolds was the referee.
There will be a game of ice pole between the Passaics and the Brooklyns at the rink this even-

THE ZUKER TRIAL.

Eleven jurors had been secured at the close of yes terday's session of the trial of Isaac Zuker, a cloak manufacturer, who is charged with arson in setting fire to his house at No. 264 Division-st. The case will go on to-day.

HEARING ON THE EAST RIVER TUNNEL. Samuel A. Beardsley and Alfred C. Chapin, the State Railroad Commissioners, were at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday to listen to arguments Railroad Company to construct a tunnel under the East River from Fulton-st., in Brooklyn, to Park Row and Ann-st., in this city. Ex-Judge Edward Browne and F. B. Esier presented the arguments for the company. In F. Doyle, representing the National Park Bank, opposed the granting of a certificate to the company, declaring that such action would be detrimental to the interests of the city. Lawyers representing other tunnel companies objected to the granting of a certificate unless it contained a clause providing that the right of other companies to construct parallel tunnels should not be impaired. F. P. Delafield, representing property-owners in Ann-et, and in Nassau-st., argued against the granting of a certificate on the ground that the consent of the property-owners had not been acquired by the company. Objection was made also acquired by the company. Objection was made also on the ground that the consent of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen had not been obtained, and it was stated that the Brooklyn Aldermen were opposed to the tunnel. The Commissioners asked to have briefs presented before Saturday. They will meet again and probably give a decision on next Tuesday. A change in the Commission is expected to occur before the end of the month.

WORK OF THE METROPOLITAY TEMPLE. The annual report of the Metropolitan Temple, of i which Dr. Cadman is the pastor, presents some striking figures and shows great success. In the atriking figures and shows great success. In the course of the year 284,925 people have attended the services and 340 have been added to the membership. The Sunday evening audiences are now among the largest in the city, numbering 1,600. The councils, Chautauqua circles, literary club, braries, a King's Daughters chapter of over 100, vested choirs, etc., are among the organizations There is also a kindergarten, dispensary and musical bureau. These are self-sustaining in part, and the church ministers to a self-supporting con-stituency drawn chiefly from the middle and prostituency drawn chieffy from the middle and pro-fessional classes. The character of the preaching is wide, literary and of the modern school. Dr. Cadman has now a series of sermons upon the re-ligion of Tennyson. Browning and Wordsworth. These are interspersed with other discourses upon the approximation of scientific and evangelical thought. The services are churchly; in fact, a vested choir in a Methodist church is a decided innovation.

AN URGENT APPEAL TO HELP THE POOR. The sudden advent of winter weather has intensified the suffering already existing among the poor Negorous efforts are being made by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor to meet the present and prepare for that to come. Not less than \$25,000 is required, and to be of the greatest service should be subscribed now. This association is called upon to assist thousands of cases sent by the city hospitals, dispensaries, benevolent societies and charitable organizations. The association makes this urgent appeal, and trusts that the response will be liberal and speedy. Checks and money should be sent to Warner Van Norden, No. 25 Nassau-st.

SELECTIONS FROM THE MAIL

IN DEFENCE OF SPAIN. HER CONDUCT OF THE WAR HAS BEEN HUMANE. SAYS THIS CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: It is rumored that Congress will take up again the Cuban question, with the possibility of witnessing the slandering and villfying of the Spanish nation and everything Spanish by men who ought to know better than to provoke an honorable people who have never had feelings of anything but

friendship toward the United States. two sides. If we went to be fair and just, we have cool head to find out the truth of the state of Spain spread news broadcast of Cubans being murdered, it does not follow that it is so. Have we heard the other side? No? Then it is logical to suspend our judgment. The chivalry of the Spanrespected by them. Why then, should Spain de subjects either in Cuba or any other Spanish prov-

in '60. Both wars were conducted with dignity. There is no war without suffering; innocent peo ple are unavoidably the victims of fortuitous hapenings. This is the case in many of the skirmishes in Cuba. Are those people murdered be-cause they have been unfortunately killed? Is a man murdered in the street because a safe falls on his head and crushes it?

Spanish troops have not wilfully committed murder in Cuba, but the insurgents have blown up with dynamite passenger trains, and this is savage warfare. The official reports of the foreign consuls in Cuba do not contain one word about the so-called "slaughter of pacificos" by Spanish troops. No European Government has hinted at it. Is it not nable to infer that the reports of murder without cause are either false or exaggerated? The Spanish Government has denied such reports, and this ought to set at rist the "humanity" side of the

The "material interests" remain now to be con ildered. Spaniards hold by far the larger interests in Cuba; American interests are important, and so are English, German and French. The Spanish planters have had their plantations burned to the ground and are entirely rulned. Foreign interests have suffered considerably. This has been the work of incendiaries; an army of half a milion of soldiers could not have prevented it. Spain imposes upon herself every sacrifice to run down an enemy, who, when not bent on destroying the wealth of the island or massacring small columns of troops, is hiding in the jungle or in the mountain fastness.

is hiding in the jungle or in the mountain fastness.
Under these trying circumstances Spain has the
moral support of all nations having interests in
Cuba, except the United States, which Nation, to
judge from the doings of last Congress, seems
bent on throwing obstacles in her way.
The "American interests" in Cuba-there are
others—do not justify any interference from the
United States. When the time of settling the bills
for damag of arrives, if Spain should refuse to pay
what is fair, then will be the time for kicking. A
premature kicking is unworthy of a great nation.
It may produce a disastrous panic on this side and
intensify the feeling on the other side.

Correspondent of the Madrid "Liberal."
New-York, Dec. 5, 1896.

THE WARSZAWIAK CASE. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Having read the report of the action of the

Presbytery yesterday, touching Mr. Warszawiak. may I beg the insertion of the following sentences on the subject? An engagement to speak for home missions, in Troy, kept me from being present. It was not immediate ordination that I implated when bringing Mr. H. Warszawiak's name to the Presbytery; but such "care" as is sought for students preparing for the work of the ministry. was asked for, and give as the first reason for refusal that his work was not to be under oversight and control of the Presbytery." have several respected members of wh statement is true. Their work is not under the

statement is true. Their work is not under the Presbytery's control.

As to the second reason—a division of opinion in the committee as to the applicant's "moral character"—charges have been brought against him, the accusers have been heard by Christian gentlemen appointed for the purpose and he has been acquitted. When he came to this city he brought a most pronounced introduction from an Leinburgh clergyman, known to me, became a member of the Fifth Avenue Church and, notwithstanding the accusations brought against him by Jews or Gentiles, he retains my confidence. Yours truly, New-York, Dec. 15, 1886.

WHERE DO THE ANIMALS COME IN?

Your paper of Sunday, December 6, gave a description of the palatial house to be erected by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. May I ask, What is to become of the dumb animals, for whose care we have all subscribed, if the money is to be used for that purpose? Circulars funds were greaty permitted to look after the overworked and overloaded horses. That the lovers of
that noble animal have responded liberally would
seem to be evident, but I am sure no one expected
his other contributions to be used in the extravagant manner proposed. It would appear that the
society considers a fine house of more consequence
than the object for which the society was formed.

AN EARLY SUBSCRIBER.

New-York, Dec. 13, 1898.

WOOL-GROWERS APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

SPEEDY PREPARATION AND PASSAGE OF A LAW PROTECTING THEIR INDUSTRY REQUESTED. Washington, Dec. 16.-The National Wool-Growers' Association of the United States met at the Ebbitt House to-night and adopted the following

Ebbitt House to-make as resolutions:

Whereas, The National Wool-Growers' Association, assembled in convention at Washington, recognizes the desirability of immediate action to prevent the flood of speculative importers of foreign wools which would occur in advance of a proposed increase of duties, and while we insist upon the speedy preparation and passage of a law which shall give to the wool-growers the "most ample protection" promised by the St. Louis platform, upon which the recent Republican victory was achieved, and,

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Whereas, While we doubt the expediency of passing the so-called Dingley bill in any event, and especially without other amendments, yet with the expectation that a proper wool tariff bill will be enacted at an extra session of Congress soon after March 4, 187, yet in a spirit of concession to the opinions of others we deem it advisable to interpose no objection to the passage of the Dingley bill if the amendments below specified be made, but without these amendments we respectfally enter our earnest protest against its passage; therefore.

Resolved, That we do not oppose the immediate passage of the Dingley bill, providing only that the following amendments are incorporated therein:

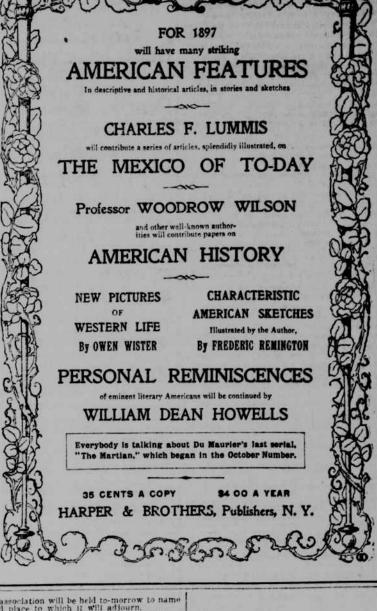
the law shall the provision that the law shall continue until 1898; and, second, that the duties on woollen shoddles, wastes and other wool substitutes shall be practically prohibitory.

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A long discussion, in which nearly all the members present took part, preceded action on the resolutions. An important feature of the proceedings was the presence of a delegation from the Home Market Club of Boston. The members of this delegation who are farmable. this delegation, who are favorable to the passage of the Dingley bill, took part in the discussion, and announced their approval of the amendments pro-posed by the Wool Growers' Association to the

The association also passed resolutions urging Congress to incorporate in any tariff bill wideh may be passed, this session or next, the wool schedules adopted by the Wool-Growers' Association at its meeting held in Washington in December, 1895. There are sixteen sections of this schedule as adopted, cov-ering all classes and grades of wool. A resolution was also passed deplering the death of Columbus Delano, former president of the association. A meet-





ing of the association will be held to-morrow to name a time and place to which it will adjourn.

Those present at the meeting to-night were William Lawrence, of Onio, president; W. G. Markham, of New-York, secretary; E. M. Bissell, of Vermont; F. P. Bennett and Edwin Foote, of Massachusetts; O. J. Thomas, of Virginia; J. M. Smith, of Utah; Hiram Young, John McDowell and W. E. Gartman, of Pennsylvania; George H. Noonan, of Texas, and J. R. Dodge, of Washington. The members of the Home Market Club in attendance were Charles A. Stott, president; Albert L. Clarke, John Shaw and F. E. Clarke.

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Edward M. Grout, of Brooklyn, will speak on "Municipal Ownership of Public Franchises" be-fore the Executive Committee of the Young Democ-racy, at No. 14 West Forty-second-st., this evening.

The annual meeting of the Hebrew Free School in the Temple Emanu-El, Fifth-ave, and Forty

The Rutgers Club will hold its second dinner fo the season of 1836-97, and the thirteenth since its organization, at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club. Madison-ave, and Forty-fifth-st., this evening, at 6 o'clock. This dinner will be the occasion of a reunion of all former members of the Rutgers Glee Club, seats for whom will be reserved.

The Patria Club will open its series of monthly meetings for the present season at the Waldorf to-morrow evening. The speaker on this occasion to-morrow evening. The speaker on this occasion will be Dr. Melanethon Woolsey Stryker, president of Hamilton College. His topic will be "Clvil Unity." A generous member of the club's Executive Committee has given the organization \$500, to be used in procuring speakers, and with this fund at command the club has arranged an especially attractive programme for the present season, Among other speakers engaged are Professor John Fiske and George Cable, the novelist.

The annual dinner of Lafayette Post, G. A. R., in honor of the sixteenth anniversary of the four have been sent out by the society, stating that of the post was held at the St. Denis Hotel, Elevfunds were greatly needed, in order that more enth-st, and Broadway, last night. About seventyfive war veterins were present and made merry until well on toward midnight. Among them were Senior Vice-Commander J. C. Long, Junior Vice-Commander H. J. Howlett, Adjutant W. F. Brown William Banta, jr., Asa Blake, E. G. Tuckerman, J. C. Blascheck, W. H. Copp, A. G. Mills, E. A. J. C. Blascheck, W. H. Copp, A. G. Mills, E. A. Whitfield, G. L. Kilner, Colonel A. S. Marvin, H. H. Holley, R. W. Edmunds, Joseph Luckey, E. F. Bontecue, Jerry Thompson, W. E. Shepard, E. F. Cudner, J. E. Banks, F. T. Conrow, W. E. Conrow, Colonel Conklin and D. F. Wright. Admiral Richard W. Meade, United States Navy, commander of the post, presided, and at the table with him were Commander E. C. Stahl, of New-Jersey; General Cyrus Bussey, General Daniel E. Sickles, ex-Judge George W. Van Hoesen, Post Department Commander Ira M. Hedges, Commander Reddy, of Alexander Hamilton Post, and General Daniel Butterfield. After dinner Admiral Meade welcomed the old comrades and friends. "Within the last year fifteen of our comrades have gone to meet their Maker," he said, "and most of us are getting along in years. We may not be here many more times, but our memory will be lasting." General Daniel E. Sickles, who was the next speaker, said he warted to go to Buffalo to the next National G. A. R. encampment as a delegate and propose the name of Admiral Meade for Commander-in-Chief. This caused great applause. Department Commander Stahl, of New-Jersey, Mr. Hedges and General Butterfield also made short speeches.

The newly elected officers of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen were installed last evening in Mechanics' Hall, at No. 18 East Six-teenth-st. The officers are: William Stonehack teenth-st. The officers are: William Stoneback, president; Robert Christle, first vice-president; T. Davies, treasurer, and Stephen M. Wright, secretary. The consideration of plans for a new library for the society at Forty-eighth-st, and Seventh-ave, has been dropped, as the property under advisement is said to be leased for a period of years.

There was a meeting of the incorporators of the newly formed Patriotic League of America at the Hotel New Amsterdam, Twenty-first-st. and Fourth-ave., last evening, and the following officers were elected: President, T. St. John Gaffney; first vice-president, Colonel C. H. Denison; second vice-president, Colonel Ethan Allen; third vicepresident, Francis Wyland Glen; treasurer, H. R. president, Francis Wyland Glen; treasurer, H. R. Kretschmar; secretary, Captain E. T. McCrystal; recording secretary, A. I. Toomey, It was decided to establish temporary headquarters at the Hotel New Amsterdam. An address was issued reciting Cuba's struggles, the establishment by England of fortifications adjacent to the American seacoast and the indignities offered American missionaries in Turkey as instances calling for a more vigorous foreign policy by this Government. The protective tariff policy was indorsed. The address closed with a demand for a more liberal policy toward the Army and Navy and the building of seacoast defences. Harry Furniss, the well-known English caricatur

ist and lecturer, entertained the members of th Young Ladies and Gentlemen's League of the Mon teflore Home at the Tuxedo, Fifty-ninth-st. and Madison-ave., last evening. The subject was "The Humors of Parliament up to Date." The hall was crowded, and after the lecture a dance was en-joyed.

The Rhinelander School of the Children's Aid Society, at No. 25) East Eighty-eighth-st., will give an exhibition of the best methods of teaching civics and patriotism this evening at 8 o'clock. Mayor Strong, ex-Mayor Hewitt and others are to be pres-

FIGHTING THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS TRYING TO KEEP UP THE PRICE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—The independent oil producers to-day made a stand against the Standard Oil Company. They are paying two cents more for the product than the Standard, and are selling all they can produce at a good profit. For six months the Standard has been lowering the price, and the producers have followed every move of that corporation, lowering the price as the Standard did. During the last month the Standard, which controls the market, lowered the price of oil 23 cents. The independent producers to-day would not stand this any longer. Oil opened at 90 cents. The pro-ducers kept it there, and the Standard came down

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David Kirk, president of the Pure Oil Company, who is one of the leading independent producers, said to-day that there was not three months' stock in the country, and yet the Standard persists in cutting the price. During the last month, he said, they have cut and decreased the income of the Pennsylvania oil field \$20,700 a day, "This much less money in a country makes a big difference," he continued. "There is no reason in the world why the price should be cut. There is no Russias competition, and there is a good market for all the oil that can be produced. Our company is only one in many, yet we have more calls than we can handle. We have vessels at the dock now waiting for oil. What oil we can produce we are shipping to the seaboard at a good profit. Of course, we cannot maintain the present price in case the Standard cuts again, but unless something unlocked-for turns up we will continue the fight."

CHARLES R. CRISP ELECTED TO CONGRESS Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16.—Charles R. Crisp was elected to-day to fill the unexpired term of his father, the late ex-Speaker Crisp, in Congress. He had no opposition.